

Commencement

Baccalaureate

Sunday Morning

May Seventeenth

1992

Eight-Thirty O'Clock

First Baptist Church

DeLand, Florida

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UNIVERSITY



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL Grand Choeur Dialogue Eugene Gigout

Paul Jenkins
University Organist

INVOCATION Robert James O'Neal, '92

WELCOME H. Douglas Lee
President

HYMN God of Grace and God of Glory Cwm Rhondda

God of grace and God of glory,
On thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient Church's story,
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
Scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving thee whom we adore.
Serving thee whom we adore.

— Harry Emerson Fosdick

SCRIPTURE READING

Laura Jean Radiker, '92

ANTHEM

An Expression of Gratitude David Schwoebel

Concert Choir

Duncan Couch, Director and Professor of Music

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
always in joy in every prayer for you.

I thank my God for your fellowship in the gospel
from the very first day until now.

And I am sure that he, who began a good work in you,
will bring it to completion at the day of Christ.

And this I pray, that your love may abound more and more.

Abound in knowledge, and in judgment,
that you may approve what is excellent to the glory of God.

That you may be pure and blameless,
filled with the fruits of righteousness
which come through Christ Jesus.

— From Philippians 1:3-6, 9-11

SERMON

E. Earl Joiner

Sam R. Marks Professor and Chair of Religion

BENEDICTION

Samuel D. Shingles, '92

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Concert Choir

RECESSIONAL

Processional

William Mathias

Paul Jenkins

University Organist

The audience is asked to stand during the Processional and the Recessional.

E. EARL JOINER

SAM R. MARKS PROFESSOR OF RELIGION
CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION



Dr. Joiner's name is synonymous with the study of religion at Stetson. He has been a member of the Department of Religion since 1955, and became chairman in 1981, the same year he was appointed to the Sam R. Marks Endowed Chair of Religion.

A native of Georgia, Dr. Joiner received his bachelor's degree from Stetson, and earned the master of theology and doctor of theology in Christian ethics degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Before joining the Stetson faculty, he was a

pastor for seven years in Florida and in Kentucky.

The author of numerous articles and critical reviews, he is internationally known for his research dealing with Protestant reaction to the Holocaust. He was one of only 400 scholars worldwide invited to an international conference on the Holocaust at Oxford, England, in 1988. He also is the author of *A History of Florida Baptists* and *A Christian Considers Divorce and Remarriage*.

Dr. Joiner's interest in the history of his denomination led to his appointment as curator and secretary-treasurer of the Florida Baptist Historical Society.

Active in community affairs, Dr. Joiner and his wife, Geraldine, have been cited by the City of DeLand for outstanding community service.

Although retiring at the end of this academic year as an active professor and administrator, Dr. Joiner will continue to serve his alma mater as an advisor.



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